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- 11. The human rights project run by the UNDP has provided important and effective support for the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), which was established in 2001. The NHRC produces an annual report on the Mongolian human rights situation. The report was debated in the parliament for the first time this May. While the NHRC investigates a variety of human rights problems, it has consistently highlighted the problems of poor prison conditions and police abuse of detainees. The NHRC has provided some training to police, judges, procurators, and lawyers, but UNDP is not known to have done such training itself.
- 12. The UNDP human rights project ended in May, but the UNDP is considering the contents and desirability of a follow-on project which would start this fall.

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